

Docket No. 1217-0156P

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 32, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The present invention also relates to a modified peptide essentially constituted by a peptide linked, by a hydrazide link, to at least one compound A selected from the group formed by lipids, sugars, alcohols and fluorescence markers.--

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 36.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The present invention further relates to the use of N,N'-tri(Boc)hydrazinoacetic acid or N,N'-di(Boc)hydrazinoacetic acid for functionalizing a peptide intended to be linked according to the above coupling process, in the event of the hydrazine group borne by the peptide being an  $\alpha$ -hydrazinoacetic group, with this taking place prior to step b), with an  $\alpha$ -hydrazinoacetic acid, either at the N-terminal end of said peptide or at the end of the side chain of a lysine or of an ornithin possibly present at some point in the peptide sequence.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 18 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.